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November 6th.

Vice President MORTON in the Chair.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Dr. T. Romeyn Beck, dated Albany, October 24, 1849, acknowledging, on behalf of the Trustees of the New York State Library, the receipt of Nos. 9 and 10, Vol. 4, of the Proceedings of the Academy.

Also, a letter from Francis Peyre Porcher, M. D., dated Charleston, S. C., October 1, 1849, acknowledging the receipt of his notice of election as a Correspondent.

Also, a letter from the Secretary of the Western Academy of Natural Sciences, dated Cincinnati, October, 1849, acknowledging the receipt of the last number of the Proceedings.

The Recording Secretary read a letter addressed to Dr. Morton, by Mr. Richard H. Kern, a member of this Institution, dated Santa Fé, New Mexico, 1849, giving an interesting account of his recent Ethnological and Archæological exploration in New Mexico.

Dr. Bridges presented a paper by Dr. R. W. Gibbes, of South Carolina, entitled "New species of *Myliobates* from the Eocene of South Carolina, with other genera not heretofore observed in the United States." Referred to Drs. Bridges, Morton and Leidy.

Dr. Leidy made some remarks upon several new species of Entophyta, *Enterobrus spiralis*, and *E. attenuatum*, and a new species of Gregarina, discovered by him.

On leave granted, Dr. Bridges offered a resolution to appoint a committee to enquire into the expediency of appropriating the room adjoining the Library for the purpose of the same, and also what alterations may be necessary, and to report to the Academy at next meeting.

The resolution was adopted, and a committee appointed consisting of Drs. Bridges, Zantzinger and Wilson.

On motion of Mr. Cassin, it was resolved, that the Committee on Proceedings be authorized to complete the copy of the Proceedings for the Western Academy of Natural Sciences.

November 13th.

Vice President MORTON in the Chair.

A letter was read, dated Nürnberg, July 24, 1849, from Messrs. Frederick and J. W. Stürm, announcing the decease of their father Jacob Stürm, a correspondent of the Academy. Also requesting an exchange of publications with the Society.

Dr. Hallowell remarked that recently, a living specimen of the serpent, described in a former number of the Proceedings as *Coluber venustus*, was brought to the Academy by Dr. Watson, and gave birth to seven young, the animal being viviparous. They varied in length from two inches to three inches one and a half lines. The color is dark slate above, darker upon the head and lighter upon the

abdomen. The white spots upon the occiput are very distinct. In four of the specimens there are three spots; in the others they coalesce more or less, in one of them forming a narrow irregular white band, the animal resembling very much the adult *Coluber punctatus*. There is also a white spot upon the upper jaw.

The Chairman made some remarks upon a specimen of "bloody bread," the result of the *Monas prodigiosa*, given him by Prof. Bailey, of West Point, and obtained by the latter from Prof. Ehrenberg, of Berlin.

The Chairman also remarked, that the Charib Skull, deposited by him this evening, had been obtained in the island of Nassau, by the late Rev. Thomas Leaver, from whom it was derived by Dr. T. C. Deans, of Newport, R. I., who presented it to Dr. Morton.

On leave granted, the Committee appointed at last meeting, to enquire into the expediency of altering the room adjoining the Library, so as to adapt it to the purposes of the same, made a report, embracing the details of a plan for the object proposed, and recommending that authority be given for an immediate commencement of the work.

The report was adopted, and the Committee instructed to carry out the plan as described.

November 20th.

Vice President MORTON in the Chair.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Mr. J. M. McMinn, dated Milesburg, Centre County, Pennsylvania, addressed to Dr. Zant-zinger, containing the following:—

"I send you some specimens of our 'Snow bug.' This insect occurs in great numbers on the mountains of Pennsylvania. I have frequently noticed them in mid-winter on the snow, but I never saw such a multitude of them together, as I witnessed on the 17th of February, 1849, near the "Rattle Snake," on the Alleghany Ridge. The snow was entirely covered for the fourth of a mile along the road, and several rods on either side. The mercury in F. was standing at about 15 degrees; the atmosphere was dry and clear.

These little animals were quite stupid, and to all appearance had been but a short time there, and as it was about 9 o'clock in the morning, I judged that they arrived in the night.

Their motion was slow, and those on the top were quietly endeavoring to get under. They did not appear to be eating any thing. The weather was too cold to remain and watch their movements, and the next day, when I again passed the spot, I could not detect a vestige of them.

The wind had been strong from the north for several days, and I have noticed that we had strong north winds whenever I had seen them."

A letter was read from the Librarian of the Smithsonian Institution, dated Washington, November 1, 1849, acknowledging the receipt of Part 3, Vol. 1, of the Journal, and other publications of the Academy; and also desiring that some deficiencies in the same be supplied.